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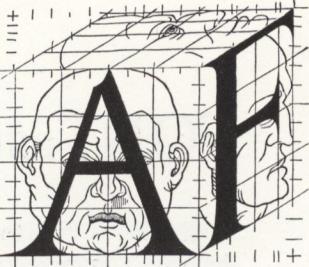
This is the first of our "occasional newsletters". Altsys is pleased to report that the success of FONTastic has meant growth for our company as well. We will be moving to larger offices in May, and expanding our staff to speed our development activities. We appreciate our thousands of customers; you have our sincere thanks for making us a success.

Fontographer, our new LaserWriter font editor, maintains our momentum in the font area. Fontographer was introduced at the MacExpo in San Francisco in January and has received a great reception. More information is enclosed with this mailing.

Altsys does not sell its mailing list, but we plan to do co-mailings of selected materials from other companies. We have decided to enclose the SourceNet flyer since it may be of interest to many of you.

This newsletter was produced with PageMaker 1.124 and printed on the LaserWriter. The custom fonts were created with Fontographer. The Altsys logo was developed by Altsys and the Goudy NewStyle font used for the headlines was developed by Judy Sutcliffe of Horton & Sutcliffe. Judy and her partner Bill Horton have made several LaserWriter fonts which should be on the market soon. Casady Company has quite a few LaserWriter fonts (created with Fontographer, of course) for sale now. See the back page for more information on these companies.

We are interested in seeing new fonts, and will feature the best in future editions of this newsletter. If sending a font for publication, be sure to give us written permission to use it in the newsletter.



FONTastic

Version 2.7 of FONTastic is now shipping. This release works on the Macintosh Plus and HD20, and has several other enhancements:

- Fonts may be larger than 32KB if developed on the Macintosh Plus (the new limit is 64KB). These large fonts may be incompatible with other systems or software. (Version 2.7)
- A rare but nasty bug involving character styling has been fixed. (Version 2.7)
- Memory management has been changed to work somewhat better on 128KB systems. A future upgrade may drop support of 128KB systems. Let us know if this will cause any problems. Most people seem to be upgrading 128KB systems, and we would like to add a lot of new features that just will not fit in 128KB. (2.7)
- The eraser no longer erases the tool palette. (2.6)
- Changes are written onto disk when requested instead of being held until termination. (2.4)

- The mover now displays the amount of free disk space at all times. (2.4)
- Proper error messages are given for write-protected disks. (2.4)
- A ROM bug relating to very wide characters has been programmed around. (2.4)
- A ROM bug relating to single disk drive disk swapping has been programmed around. (2.4)
- Several minor problems have been fixed. (all)

Updates are available for \$10.00 for a new disk, or \$8.00 if you return your original disk. The update consists of one FONTastic disk with a ReadMe file describing the changes. This upgrade is only available to registered owners. With your order, we need your name, address, serial number, and payment. Please, if you return a disk for updating, send only the disk. We will not return user's guides or the blue folders.

Version 2.4 has been "recalled" due to its habit of changing the system

font Chicago-12 to Geneva. If you have version 2.4, the 2.7 upgrade is free. Simply return your master disk for updating. To make this update notice less painful to those few people who have specifically called and asked for an updated version, we have another good deal. If you purchased an update since January 1, 1986, return that disk for updating to version 2.7 at no cost.

Fontographer

Everyone wanted it; here it is. A professional quality font editor for the LaserWriter.

Fontographer creates true PostScript fonts which can be downloaded to the LaserWriter and handled like the built-in fonts for scaling, rotation, and any special effects. Characters are constructed by drawing their outline with straight lines and Bezier curves.

We have already shipped a lot of Fontographers, and people love it.

We appreciate their suggestions, and are making it even better. Version 1.1 is currently shipping, and we will be upgrading to version 2.0 around the end of April. All registered owners will be receiving a free upgrade to 2.0 at that time.

The enclosed flyer describes Fontographer, and we don't have a lot to add here except **THE GOOD DEAL:**

\$50.00 off list price for registered FONTastic owners, effective from May 1, 1986 until July 1, 1986. Orders requesting this discount received prior to May 1 will be held for release 2.0. Orders received after July 1 will be returned.

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More fonts

Our font royalty program is progressing, and we see some good fonts getting close to publication.

There is one disk ready to go; Bill Layman's Power Fonts. Bill works at JPL in Pasadena, and has redone the standard Apple bitmap fonts and put together a package he calls Power Fonts. He has fixed the readability problems with Chicago, Geneva, and Monaco characters (bad 'x' and 'v', indistinguishable '1', 'l', and 'I', etc.). In addition, he has added a batch of special characters useful for scientific and engineering work. This font is not meant for international use, as most of the European characters have been replaced with engineering and math symbols. There are a total of seven fonts in this package; Clarity, ClarityLarge, ClaritySmall, Montclair, OneLiners, Strasbourg, and WindyCity. All this for the extremely fair price of \$15.00. NOTE: Chicago-12 is built into the ROM and cannot be changed on the Macintosh Plus, so Plus owners are stuck with the bad characters in Chicago.

More disks are in the works; we expect to pick up an international character set (most of the world's languages in one font), some well-

thought-out Cyrillic fonts, and a few specialty fonts.

Let us know if you have something worth publishing, or have a special request. Altsys has become a de-facto font clearing house, so we may be able to help you locate those specialty fonts you cannot find anywhere else.

LaserWriter fonts are the coming thing; with Fontographer's release we expect to see the market explode. We plan to publish LaserWriter fonts as well, but highly recommend Casady Company's Fluent Laser Fonts for some excellent LaserWriter fonts, available NOW!

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